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Examiner

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 February 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 August 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/2006; 8/2003.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 2-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 2: Claim 2 is dependent on itself, which render the claim and all of its dependent claims indefinite.

The examiner, for a purpose of art consideration, treats claim 2 as being dependent on claim 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-7 and 9-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Turpin (US 5,751,243).

Turpin discloses an image synthesis using time sequential holography comprising the same imaging system comprising: first means mounted on a mobile platform for receiving a beam of electromagnetic energy (figs. 9a and fig. 9b, receiver 94, col. 14, ln. 1-6); second means for recording an image provided by said beam (fig.

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10, el. 134); and third means for compensating said image for motion of said platform relative to an external reference (fig. 9b, el. 108) as specified in claims 1, 10 and 31; wherein said second means includes means for digitally storing a holographic image (col. 30, ln. 50 – col. 31, ln. 17) as specified in claim 2; wherein said holographic image is an interference pattern (col. 34, ln. 24-42) as specified in claims 3 and 11; wherein said second means is a camera (fig. 10, el. 134) as specified in claim 4; said second means is a one-dimensional detector array (col. 23, ln. 45-47) as specified in claim 5; said second means is a two-dimensional detector array (fig. 19: 2-D photosensor array 288) as specified in claim 6; means for reading said holographic interference pattern (col. 34, ln. 24-42) as specified in claims 7 and 19; means for transmitting a beam from said platform to said target (fig. 10, el. 122) as specified in claims 9 and 12; said first means includes a laser (fig. 3a, el. 22) as specified in claim 13; wherein said received beam is a reflection of said transmitted beam from said target (fig. 9a) as specified in claim 14; means for providing a reference beam (col. 14, ln. 1-30) as specified in claim 15; further including means for causing said reference beam and said received beam to interfere at an optically relayed aperture plane and thereby provide said holographic interference pattern; further including means for controlling the phase of said reference beam relative to said received beam; further including means for controlling the phase of said reference beam relative to said received beam to compensate for nonlinear motion of said platform during a predetermined time interval (col. 13, ln. 47 – col. 14, ln. 60) as specified in claims 16-18; wherein the first means is a focusing lens (fig. 12, el. 162) as specified in claim 20; wherein said second means is a recording medium (col.

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22, ln. 4-26) as specified in claim 21; wherein said recording medium is a holographic recording medium (col. 21, ln. 45-57) as specified in claim 22; wherein said holographic recording medium is re-recordable (inherently included: any recording medium is designed to recorded and to retrieve and when retrieving, the information is always re-recordable) as specified in claim 23; wherein said third means includes a scan mirror; wherein said third means includes means for controlling said scan mirror (fig. 16, el. 222 and 228 and col. 19, ln. 64 – col. 20, ln. 24) as specified in claims 24-25; wherein said means for controlling includes a controller and said third means includes means for providing platform velocity information to said controller (inherently included in the motion compensation of fig. 9b, el. 108) as specified in claims 26 and 28; wherein said means for controlling further includes means for providing sensor line of sight information; further including means for continuously recording a relayed image of an aperture plane of said system (fig. 16, el 236) as specified in claims 27 and 29 and A holographic synthetic aperture ladar system comprising: a laser (fig. 3a, el. 22), mounted on a mobile platform (fig. 9a: airplane) and adapted to output a beam of coherent energy (fig. 10, el. 122; an optical arrangement mounted on said platform for directing said beam to a target and receiving a reflection therefrom (fig. 9a); a scan mirror in optical alignment with said optical arrangement (fig. 16, el. 222, 228); a holographic optical storage medium (col. 34, ln. 42-60); and a controller for directing said scan mirror to adjust a position of said reflection on said medium in response to motion of said platform relative to said target (fig. 16 and fig. 9b, el. 108) as specified in claim 30.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Turpin, in view of Blecha et al (cited by the applicants).

As applied to claim 7 above, it is noted that Turpin does not particularly disclose means for reading said pattern includes means for performing a time delay integration. Blecha et al teaches that TDI is a process whereby the sensitivity of a scanning 2-D detector array is enhanced. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Turpin by using TDI process to scan 2-D detector array. Doing so would help to enhance the scanning process.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

a. Lauer (US 6,525,875) discloses a microscope generating a three-dimensional representation of an object and images generated by such a microscope.

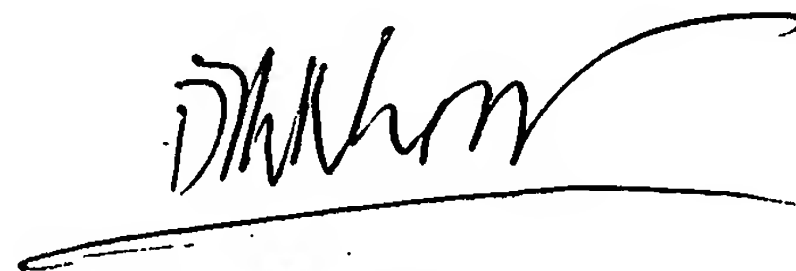
8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nhon T. Diep whose telephone number is 571-272-7328. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mehrdad Dastouri can be reached on 571-272-7418. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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